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## EDMS BULLETIN | 2014-02

DATE: November 21, 2014

IMPACT: ALL EDMS COUNTIES IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: How to obtain a Family Law Decree

## STIPULATED AGREEMENTS AND DECREES:

Certain past practices are no longer feasible with the implementation of EDMS. Namely, it is not possible for a judge to apply his or her signature to an agreement also signed by the parties as was common with filing proposed stipulated decrees in family law cases. To work around this limitation, the best practice for submitting stipulated decrees is to reformat the stipulated decree into a stipulated agreement. This stipulated agreement must be signed by all parties and submitted electronically.

After filing the stipulated agreement, counsel should come to Order Hour to have the judge call up the case and file a decree, which will incorporate the stipulated agreement filed by the parties.

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